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Byern, Tuesday, September 16.

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Tacoma, 2,649 | Thursday, Sept. 3.

Victoria, 3,167 | Monday, Sept. 21.

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Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz.

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There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

## LOCAL POSTAGE.

The General Local Rates for Hongkong, China and Treaty Ports (Canton excepted) are:—

Letters per 1/2 oz., 5 cents (c).

Post Cards, each, 1 cent.

Reply Post Cards, 2 cents each.

Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.

Newspapers and Prices Current, 2 cents per 2 oz.

Registration, 5 cents.

(c) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 5 cents.

## Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day addressed in Victoria will be delivered the same day. In Town (Ship Street to Bonham Strand West, up to level of Robinson Road) at 8 a.m. 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. In the Suburbs, 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

3. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes or Jewellery and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters.

It is forbidden to insert in ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin (b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

## Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet via Gibraltar. No parcel is sent with the Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore arrive in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 49 cents per lb. and 25 cents each exceeding 1 lb. or fraction of a lb. which includes Registration-fee; and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs duty. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as bag-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$500. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

## Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence in the event of loss.

## HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, June 6, 1896.

At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Highest, Lowest, Cash, Cash.

## Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, . . . lb.	—
" Amc. Sugar cured, . . .	300
" Footcure, . . .	180
" Japan, cured, . . .	180
Beef airtight & prime cut, catty	140
" Corned, . . . catty	140
" Roast, . . .	140
" Soup, . . .	100
" Steak, . . .	140
Bullock's Brains, . . . per set	60 50
" Tongue fresh, each	350
" " corned, . . .	350
" Head, . . .	500
" Heart, . . .	150
" Hump, Salt catty	140
" Kidneys, . . .	50
" Liver, . . .	100
" Tripe (undressed) catty	60 50
Calves Head and Feet, set	500
Rams, American, . . . lb.	300
" Chinese, . . .	270
" English, New, . . .	430
" Japan cured, . . .	250
" Shanghai, . . .	180
Mutton Chop, . . .	150
" Leg, . . .	150
" Shoulder, . . .	120
Pigs Chitlings, . . . catty	70 60
" Feet, . . .	100
" Fry, . . .	150
" Head, . . . each	500 450
" Heart, . . .	50 40
" Kidneys, . . . pair	80 70
" Liver, . . . lb.	140
Pork, Chop, . . . catty	170
" Corned, . . .	—
" Leg, . . .	170
" Fat or Lard, . . .	120
Sheeps Head and Feet, set	350
" Heart, . . . each	40 40
" Kidneys, . . .	70
" Liver, . . . lb.	150 140
Sucking Pigs, . . . each	\$1.75 \$1.25
Suet, Beef, . . . lb.	110
" Mutton, . . .	100
Veal, . . . catty	130

## Money Orders.

[Office Hours (Sundays and holidays excepted) 10 to 4, Saturdays 10 to 1, but the office is open from 10 to 5 on the working day next before any mail for Europe, which leaves at noon.]

(Money orders cannot be issued or cashed on mail mornings, when closing mails for Europe, until noon.)

1.—Money Orders are issued at Hongkong and Shanghai at current rate of exchange on the following Countries and places:—

Canada.  
China Ports (Hankow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningbo, Hangchow, and Shanghai).  
Ceylon.  
British India (including Burma and the Agencies of the Indian Post Office in the Persian Gulf).  
Japan Ports (Nagasaki, Osaka, Kobe, Yokohama, and Hakodate).  
New South Wales.  
New Zealand.  
British North Borneo.  
Queensland.  
Siam (Bangkok only).  
South Australia.  
Straits Settlements (Singapore, Penang and Malacca).  
Tasmania.  
United Kingdom.  
Victoria.  
United States of America.

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## Foreign Countries:—

Austria-Hungary.  
Belgium.  
Bulgaria.  
Chili.  
Denmark (including Iceland and Faeroe Islands).  
Danish West Indies.  
Egypt.  
France, with Algeria.  
German Empire (including Heligoland and the Cameroons).  
Holland.  
Italy (with Agencies at Tripoli, Assab and Massowah).  
Norway.  
Orange Free State.  
Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores).  
Romania.  
Sweden.  
Switzerland.  
Transvaal.  
Tunis.

## British Colonies:—

Cyprus.  
Falkland Islands.  
Gibraltar.  
Malta.  
Bahamas.  
Barbadoes.  
Bermuda.  
British Guiana.  
British Honduras.  
British India.  
British New Guinea.  
British North Borneo.  
British Somaliland.  
British West Indies.  
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## Foreign Cities and Towns:—

Amoy.  
Batavia.  
Bombay.  
Calcutta.  
Canton.  
Cebu.  
Colon.  
Hankow.  
Harbin.  
Hongkong.  
Kobe.  
Lyons.  
Manila.  
Peking.  
Rangoon.  
San Francisco.  
Shanghai.  
Singapore.  
Sourabaya.  
Tientsin.  
Yokohama.

## For sums not exceeding \$2, . . . \$2.

Exceeding \$2 but not exceeding \$5, . . . \$5.

Exceeding \$5 but not exceeding \$10, . . . \$10.

Exceeding \$10 but not exceeding \$20, . . . \$20.

Exceeding \$20 but not exceeding \$50, . . . \$50.

Exceeding \$50 but not exceeding \$100, . . . \$100.

Exceeding \$100 but not exceeding \$200, . . . \$200.

Exceeding \$200 but not exceeding \$500, . . . \$500.

Exceeding \$500 but not exceeding \$1,000, . . . \$1,000.

Exceeding \$1,000 but not exceeding \$2,000, . . . \$2,000.

Exceeding \$2,000 but not exceeding \$5,000, . . . \$5,000.

Exceeding \$5,000 but not exceeding \$10,000, . . . \$10,000.

Exceeding \$10,000 but not exceeding \$20,000, . . . \$20,000.

Exceeding \$20,000 but not exceeding \$50,000, . . . \$50,000.

Exceeding \$50,000 but not exceeding \$100,000, . . . \$100,000.

Exceeding \$100,000 but not exceeding \$200,000, . . . \$200,000.

Exceeding \$200,000 but not exceeding \$500,000, . . . \$500,000.

Exceeding \$500,000 but not exceeding \$1,000,000, . . . \$1,000,000.

Exceeding \$1,000,000 but not exceeding \$2,000,000, . . . \$2,000,000.

Exceeding \$2,000,000 but not exceeding \$5,000,000, . . . \$5,000,000.

Exceeding \$5,000,000 but not exceeding \$10,000,000, . . . \$10,000,000.

Exceeding \$10,000,000 but not exceeding \$20,000,000, . . . \$20,000,000.